

REMARKS

Status

Claims 63-88 were the claims pending in the application. The present amendment cancels claims 63-78 and adds claims 89-100. Accordingly, it is claims 79-100 which are at issue.

The Rejection

Claims 63, 64, 66, 70, 72 and 78 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Hare (US 5,103,779). Claims 63, 64, 66 and 72 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Krüger (US 5,404,770). Claims 63-75 and 77 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Nagai et al. (US 5,505,168). And finally, claim 76 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nagai et al.

Claims 79-88 have been allowed.

Remarks Directed to New Claims 89-100

Claims 63-78 have been canceled. In addition, claims 89-100 have been added, these claims essentially being in the form of canceled claims 67-78 being dependent on claim 79. As such, Applicant submits that with independent claim 79 allowable, that new claims 89-100 are also allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims are now in condition for allowance. Any questions, comments or suggestions the Examiner may have which would place the application in still better condition for allowance should be directed to the undersigned attorney.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 07-1180.

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